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**Luna Gold and JDL Gold Announce Closing of the Second and Final Tranche  
of the Non-Brokered Private Placement Financing**

**March 17, 2017 – Vancouver, BC** – Luna Gold Corp. (TSX: LGC) (“Luna Gold”) and JDL Gold Corp. (TSX-V: JDL) (“JDL”) are pleased to announce that further to their news releases dated February 1, February 14, February 27 and March 2, 2017, JDL has closed the second and final tranche of the non-brokered private placement financing of subscription receipts, subject to final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSX-V”).

The second and final tranche of the non-brokered private placement financing consists of 1,570,500 subscription receipts (“Subscription Receipts”) issued at a price of C\$2.00 per Subscription Receipt, for gross proceeds of C\$3,141,000. In the aggregate, the first and second tranches of the non-brokered private placement financing, together with the previously-announced bought deal private placement financing, comprise 41,709,586 Subscription Receipts for gross proceeds of C\$83,419,172.

Each Subscription Receipt entitles the holder to receive automatically upon satisfaction of certain escrow release conditions, including closing of the Transaction (as defined below), without any further action on the part of the holder and without payment of additional consideration, one JDL common share (a “Common Share”) and one JDL listed common share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price of C\$3.00 with an expiry date of October 6, 2021. The Common Shares and Warrants issued upon conversion of the Subscription Receipts may be traded by the holders through the facilities of the TSX-V and will not be subject to a statutory hold period.

Proceeds of the financings will be used to repay debt, for the exploration and development of the Aurizona gold project and for general corporate and working capital purposes.

The financings are being undertaken in connection with the business combination announced on February 1, 2017, whereby Luna Gold and JDL have entered into plan of arrangement under section 192 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* to combine their businesses (the “Transaction”), creating a multi-asset mining company. The combined company intends to change its name to Trek Mining Inc. and expects to trade on the TSX-V under the ticker symbol “TREK”.

The securities offered under the financings have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons absent registration or any applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, nor in any other jurisdiction.

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## **Forward-looking Statements**

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